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ABSTRACT

The 14 chapters of this book review the research and offer guidelines for intervention with infants and children having fetal alcohol syndrome or fetal alcohol effects (FAS/FAE). Chapters are grouped into five sections on the diseases of fetal alcohol, the science of FAS, a life-span approach to FAS, preparing people with FAS for life in the community, and prevention of fetal alcohol damage. Individual chapters address the following topics: (1) an overview of FAS; (2) diagnosis of FAS; (3) the path from awareness to public policy; (4) alcohol as a teratogen; (5) alcohol's impact on children; (6) primary and secondary disabilities associated with FAS/FAE; (7) living with FAS/FAE; (8) the advocacy model; (9) families of children with FAS/FAE; (10) preparing children with FAS/FAE for adulthood; (11) guidelines for schools; (12) guidelines for human services; (13) education, training, and public policy; and (14) effective prevention programs for high-risk mothers. An appendix lists resources including videos, organizations, and parent support groups. (Individual chapters contain references.) (DB)

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